विवरण II

1990–91 के दौरान खर्च किये जाने वाले संभावित व्यय का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग-वार ब्यौरा

क्रम सं.	राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं०	(लाख रु०)
1.	रा० रा० 3	369.13
2.	रा० रा० 6	198.78
3.	रा० रा० 7	273.01
4.	रा० रा० 12	222.79
5.	रा० रा० 16	5.00
6.	रा० रा० 25	47.75
7.	रा० रा० 26	75.00
8.	रा० रा० 43	70.10
9.	रा० रा० 27	शून्य
	50 लाख रु. से कम की लागत वाले सभी राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के निर्माण कार्यों के लिए एक मुश्त प्रावधान	838.44
	जोड़	2100.00

Frozen Telephone Exchange of Nehru Place, New Delhi

1586. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nehru Place Telephone Exchange in Delhi is at present lying frozen and no fresh connection is being given from this exchange; and

(b) if so, by when the new connections are likely to be given from this exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Subject to availability of allotted equipment, it is proposed to expand the capacity of Nehru Place electronic Exchange by 4000 lines by the end of 1990.

Some release of new connections is expected during early 1991.

Expansion of Telecommunications in the country

1587. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken on the expansion of telecommunications in the country during the 7th Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government have drawn up schemes for the expansion of telecommunications during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the programme drawn up for different States; and

(d) the specific schemes drawn up for the expansion of telecommunications in Orissa during the 8th Five Year Plan

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The following actions, *inter-alia*, were taken during the 7th Plan for expansion of the telecommunication network : —

—Net addition of about 19.6 lakh lines of local switching capacity

—Net addition of about 16.9 lakh Direct Exchange Lines

—Extension of Subscriber Trunk Dialling facility to cover 80% of the network

—Net addition of about 6800 Long Distance Public Telephones in rural areas

—Capacity addition of about 10760 telex lines

—Commissioning of about 53 Satellite Earth Stations

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Subject to availability of resources, the main programme common for all States include :—

(i) to expand network to contain waiting list to one year in all exchange systems with a capacity of 5000 lines and above and to make telephones practically available on demand in other exchange areas;

(ii) to provide Public Telephone in every gram panchayat;

(iii) to continue to provide telex connections on demand.

(d) The draft 8th Plan proposals of Orissa Telecom Circle envisage addition of 94,000 lines of local switching capacity, 61,000 Direct Exchange Lines, 690 telex lines and 10 national telex exchanges and public telephone for each gram panchayat.

Passenger ferry service between Rameshwaram and Talaimannar

1588. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a consistent demand to renew the passenger ferry service between Rameshwaram in Tamil Nadu and Talaimannar in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government's of Sri Lanka and India;

(c) whether any action has been initiated; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in negative, the specific reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) to (c) The Government has recently received a request from the Government of Sri Lanka for early resumption of the ferry service between Rameshwaram and Talaimannar. The Government may consider the resumption of the ferry service after tying up the various infrastructural and logistic factors, both at the Indian and Sri Lankan ends.

(d) Does not arise.

Smuggling of arms into Punjab

1589. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express of 27th April, 1990 under the caption "Large number of arms smuggled into Punjab";